

## REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the patent application.

The main independent claims 1 and 15-17 are rejected as being anticipated based on either Butterfield or Douceur et al.

These claims are amended to make clear that the specific code character has information coded therein about the illegal character itself. The dependent claims 2-7 recite how such information about the illegal character is coded therein.

To the extent that the anticipation rejection might be applied to these independent claims, as amended, it is respectfully traversed for the following reasons:

In contrast to the claimed invention, Butterfield (US2004/0177159 A1)<sup>2</sup> replaces an unacceptable character(s) with an acceptable character(s), as described in paragraph [0052].

Furthermore, Douceur et al. (US 7,047,420) also uses any character (e.g. letter, number or other symbol, etc.) in place of an underscore. However, the replacement character does not contain information coded therein about the illegal character itself, including the position of the illegal character in the filename (Claim 2) and/or the illegal character itself (claim 4).

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the reasoning has also rejected the subject matter of claims 2-4 and 6-7 as not being described in the specification or as being indefinite. However, it is respectfully submitted that the reasoning appears to be overlooking pages 6-8 where these features are described in detail in relation to Figure 2.

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<sup>2</sup> Kindly note that the Examiner has the wrong publication no. on page 3 of the Office Action.



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For all these reasons, reconsideration and early allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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